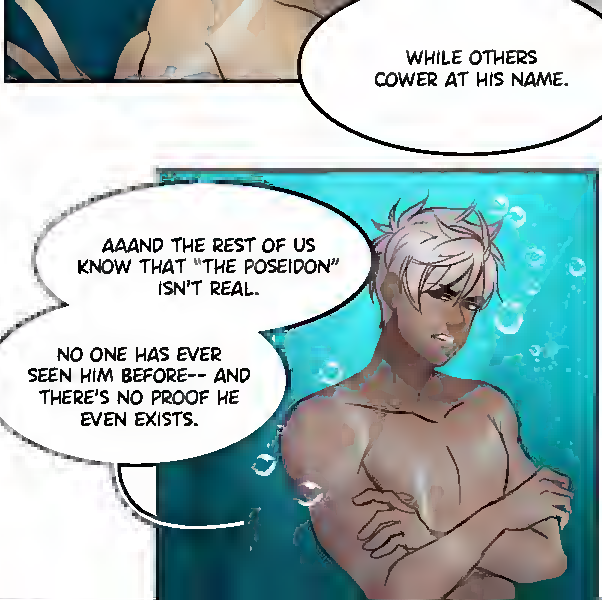
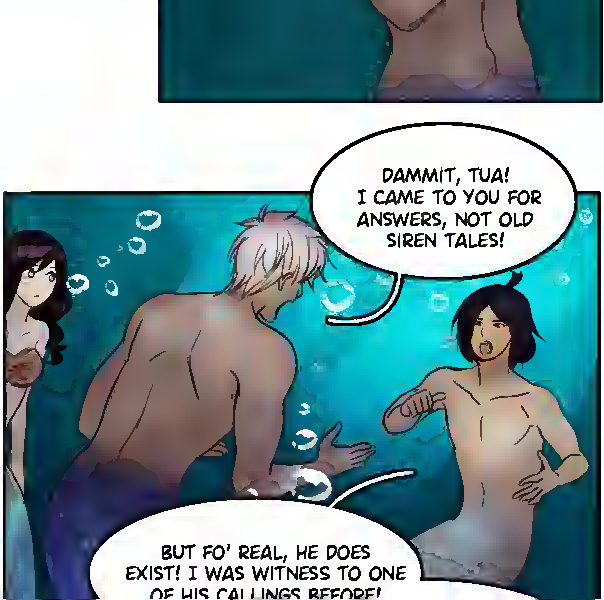
Please have your sound on for this chapter

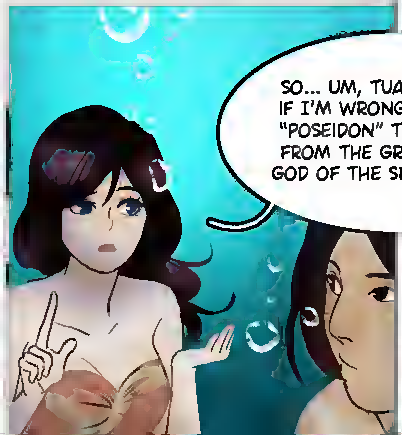
THE GREAT CREATOR OF
THE CURSE HIMSELF.

SOME SIRENS DEEM
HIM OUR SAVIOR.


WHILE OTHERS COWER AT HIS NAME.
AAAND THE REST OF US KNOW THAT "THE POSEIDON" ISN'T REAL.
NO ONE HAS EVER SEEN HIM BEFORE-- AND THERE'S NO PROOF HE EVEN EXISTS.

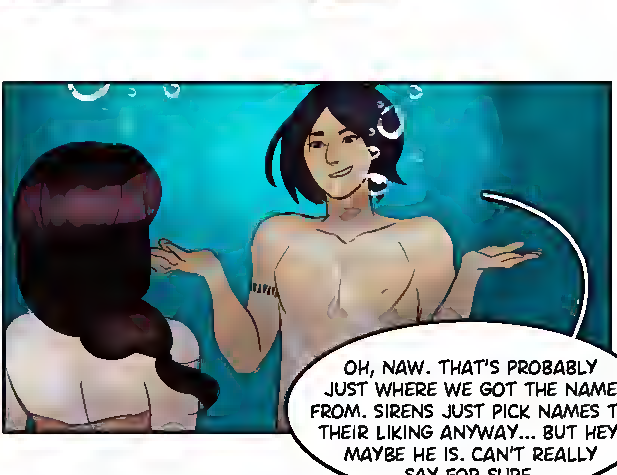

DAMMIT, TUA! I CAME TO YOU FOR ANSWERS, NOT OLD SIREN TALES!
BUT FO' REAL, HE DOES EXIST! I WAS WITNESS TO ONE OF HIS CALLINGS BEFORE!

IF YOU'RE NOT GONNA BELIEVE IN A GREATER POWER THAT MADE THE CURSE, HOW DO YOU EXPECT TO FIND A GREATER POWER TO SURPASS IT?



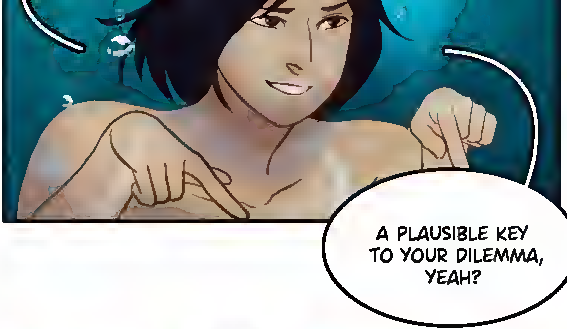
SO... UM, TUA? EXCUSE ME IF I'M WRONG, BUT IS THIS "POSEIDON" THE SAME GUY FROM THE GREEK MYTHS-- GOD OF THE SEA AND ALL...?

EH?


OH, NAW. THAT'S PROBABLY JUST WHERE WE GOT THE NAME FROM. SIRENS JUST PICK NAMES TO THEIR LIKING ANYWAY... BUT HEY, MAYBE HE IS. CAN'T REALLY SAY FOR SURE.

WHICH IS EXACTLY WHY I AIN'T BUYING ANY OF IT.

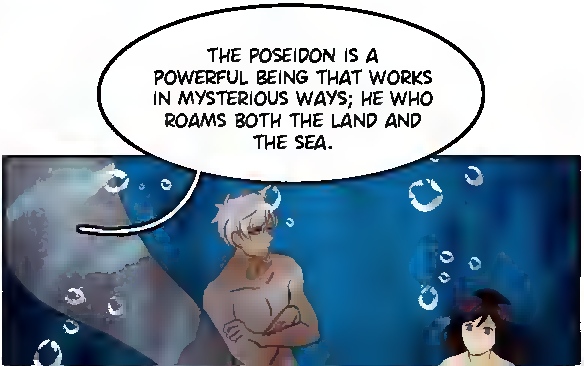
BUT DON'CHA KNOW? RUMOR GOING 'ROUND IS THAT POSEIDON IS IN THIS HERE AREA.


A PLAUSIBLE KEY TO YOUR DILEMMA, YEAH?

FEH.

IF YOU DON'T MIND, I'D LIKE TO KNOW A LITTLE MORE ABOUT IT...

VERY WELL. IT'D BE MY PLEASURE.


THE POSEIDON IS A POWERFUL BEING THAT WORKS IN MYSTERIOUS WAYS; HE WHO ROAMS BOTH THE LAND AND THE SEA.

THE STORY
BEGINS-- AND ENDS...

UNDER THE LIGHT OF
A FULL MOON...

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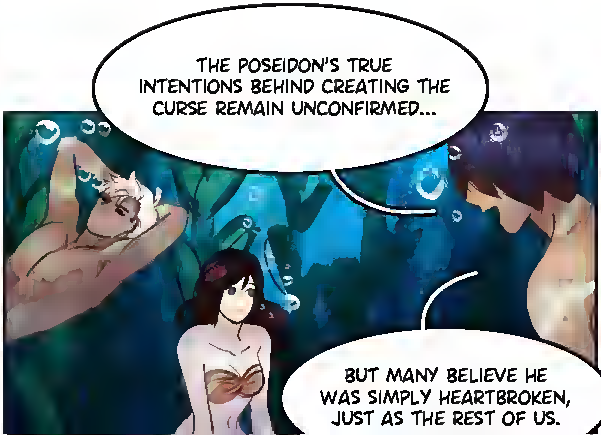
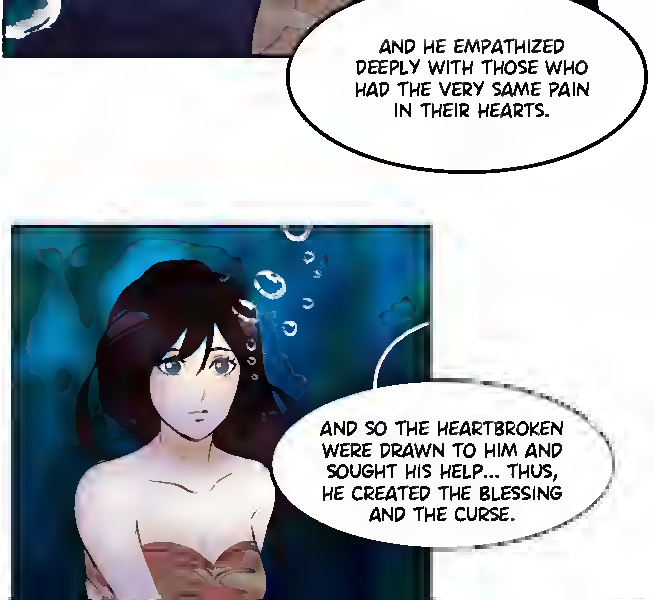

THE POSEIDON'S TRUE INTENTIONS BEHIND CREATING THE CURSE REMAIN UNCONFIRMED...
BUT MANY BELIEVE HE WAS SIMPLY HEARTBROKEN, JUST AS THE REST OF US.

CENTURIES AGO, THE POSEIDON WAS KNOWN TO BE AN ALMIGHTY SORCERER WHO USED HIS POWER FOR GOOD.
STRONG, COMPASSIONATE, AND ADMIRED BY ALL, HE WAS A MAN WHO HAD EVERYTHING.

THAT IS... UNTIL DEATH TOOK THE LOVE OF HIS LIFE.

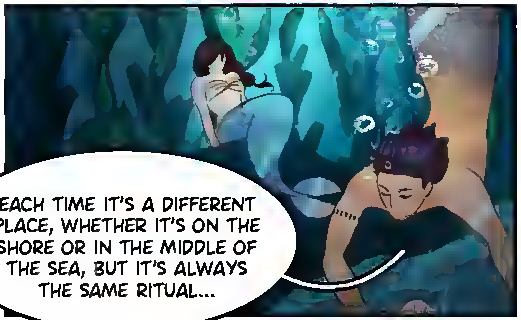
PERHAPS IT WAS DISEASE? AN ACCIDENT? OR SUICIDE? IT'S NOT KNOWN.
BUT WHATEVER IT WAS, EVEN THE GREAT POSEIDON HAD NO POWER OVER SUCH A DREADFUL FATE.
IT'S SAID THAT HIS WORLD HAD BECOME SO SHATTERED, HE COULD ONLY SEE WHAT WAS BROKEN...


AND HE EMPATHIZED DEEPLY WITH THOSE WHO HAD THE VERY SAME PAIN IN THEIR HEARTS.
AND SO THE HEARTBROKEN WERE DRAWN TO HIM AND SOUGHT HIS HELP... THUS, HE CREATED THE BLESSING AND THE CURSE.

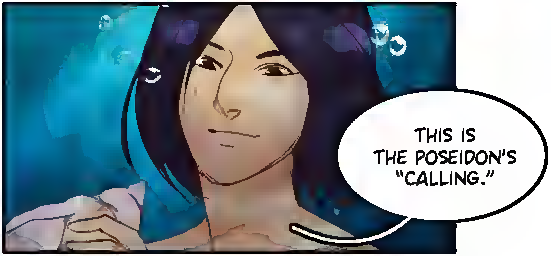
ON THE NIGHT OF A FULL MOON, HE GATHERED THE HEARTBROKEN TO THE TIDES AND CAST HIS SPELL.

WITH THIS, THEY WERE GIVEN A SECOND CHANCE AT LIFE... AT THE COST OF THROWING THEIR PREVIOUS LIFE AWAY COMPLETELY.
AND THE POSEIDON...? WHAT BECAME OF HIM? DID HE ALSO CAST THE SPELL ON HIMSELF?

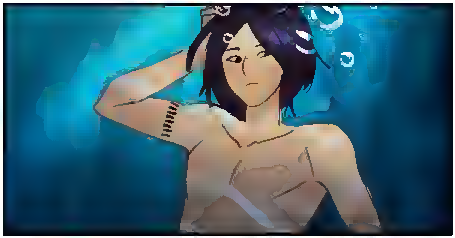
IT'S A MYSTERY... BUT BELIEVE IT OR NOT-- TO THIS DAY, HE STILL LIVES.
YOU SEE, EVERY FEW YEARS, ON THE NIGHT OF A FULL MOON, THE POSEIDON REAPPEARS.


EACH TIME IT'S A DIFFERENT PLACE, WHETHER IT'S ON THE SHORE OR IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SEA, BUT IT'S ALWAYS THE SAME RITUAL...

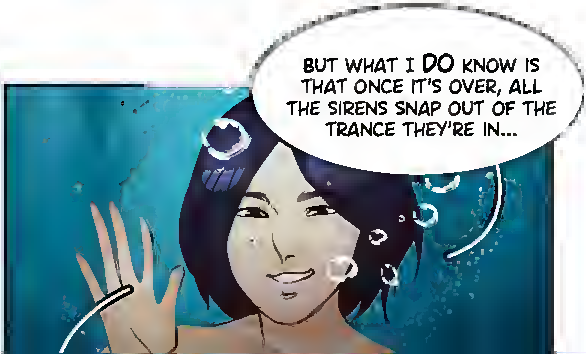
WITH AN ENCHANTED CONCH, HE CASTS A SPELL AND CALLS ALL THE SIRENS IN THAT PARTICULAR AREA.
ALL SIRENS WHO HEAR THE BLOWING OF THE CONCH GO INTO A TRANCE-LIKE STATE, GATHERING INTO ONE PLACE.


THIS IS
THE POSEIDON'S
"CALLING."

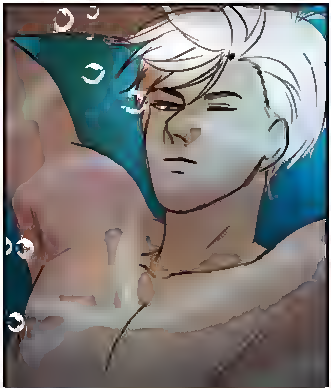
AND THEN
WHAT HAPPENS...?



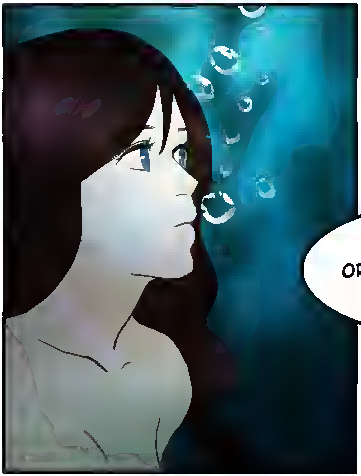
WELL, FROM THERE I'M NOT TOO SURE.


BUT WHAT I DO KNOW IS THAT ONCE IT'S OVER, ALL THE SIRENS SNAP OUT OF THE TRANCE THEY'RE IN...

IT'S SAID THAT THE POSEIDON ACTUALLY SELECTS ONE SIREN FROM THE CALLING AND VANISHES OFF WITH THEM.



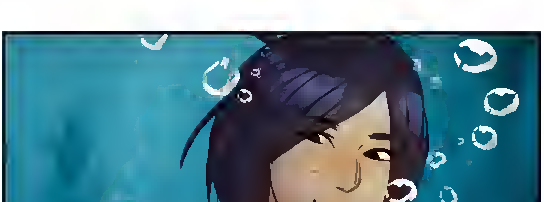
ARE THEY SAVED?


OR ARE THEY SACRIFICED?

NO ONE KNOWS.

I WITNESSED A CALLING MYSELF...
AND I PERSONALLY BELIEVE THE POSEIDON'S INTENTIONS ARE GOOD.

IT'S ONLY NATURAL FOR US TO FEAR OR REJECT WHAT WE DON'T UNDERSTAND.
BUT WHAT MOST FORGET IS THE FACT THAT WE'RE NOT BOUND TO THIS WATERY GRAVE FOREVER...

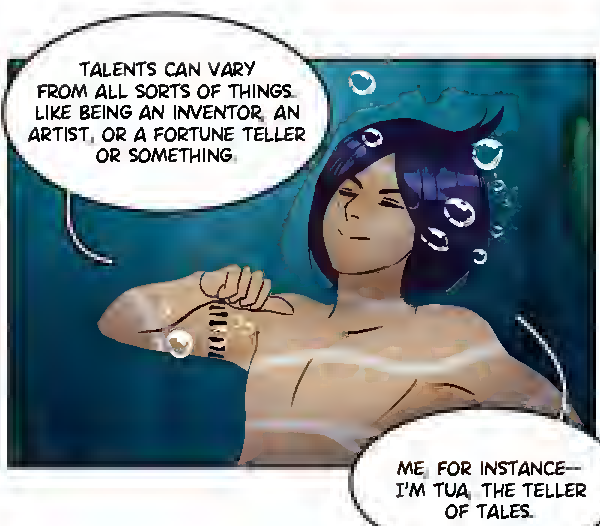

THERE IS A WAY OUT. THAT'S THE WAY THE POSEIDON DESIGNED HIS CURSE TO BE.

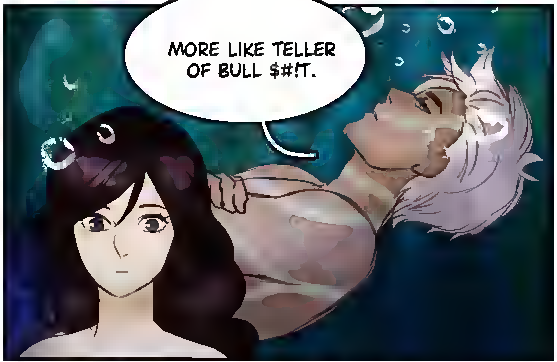
THANK YOU, TUA.
I APPRECIATE THE ENTHUSIASM YOU HAVE IN SHARING YOUR STORY.

NO PROBS!
IT'S MY TALENT,
AFTER ALL.
OH...?
TALENT?

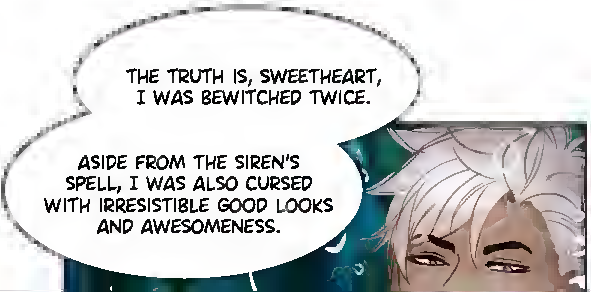
YEAH, DON'CHA KNOW? SIRENS ALWAYS RETAIN ONE PARTICULAR TALENT EVEN AFTER THEY LOSE THEIR MEMORIES...
I LIKE TO THINK OF IT AS A LITTLE REMNANT OF

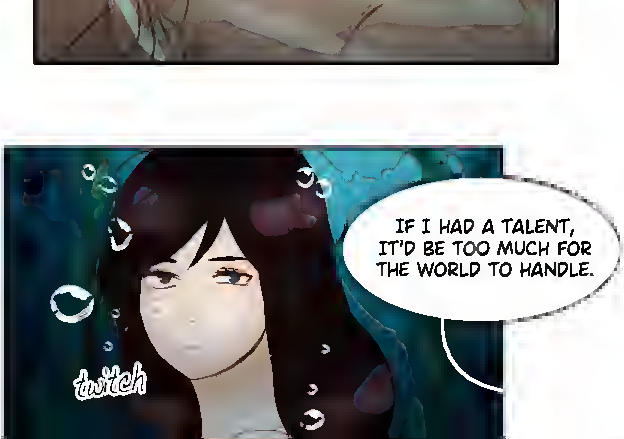
OUR PAST LIVES.


TALENTS CAN VARY FROM ALL SORTS OF THINGS. LIKE BEING AN INVENTOR, AN ARTIST, OR A FORTUNE TELLER OR SOMETHING.
ME, FOR INSTANCE— I'M TUA, THE TELLER OF TALES.


MORE LIKE TELLER OF BULL $#!T.

OH, AND WHAT'S YOURS? BEING A RUDE AND POMPOUS NARCISSIST?


THE TRUTH IS, SWEETHEART, I WAS BEWITCHED TWICE.
ASIDE FROM THE SIREN'S SPELL, I WAS ALSO CURSED WITH IRRESISTIBLE GOOD LOOKS AND AWESOMENESS.


IF I HAD A TALENT, IT'D BE TOO MUCH FOR THE WORLD TO HANDLE.
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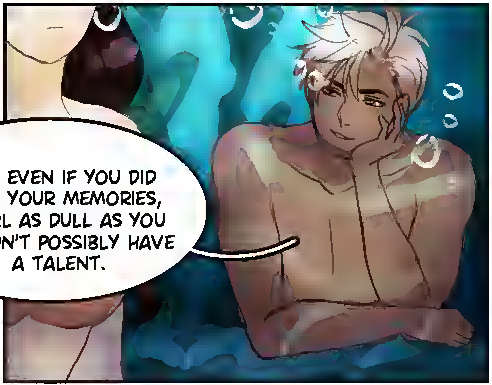
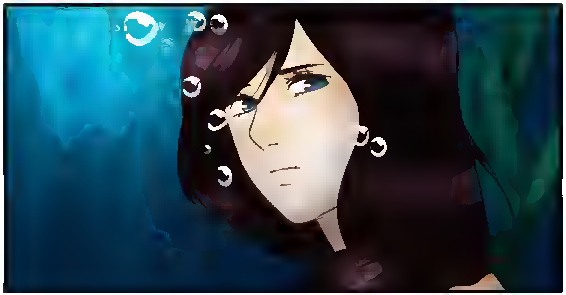
NOT EVERYONE KNOWS THEIR "TALENT," BUT I PERSONALLY THINK IAN HERE IS A PROBLEM SOLVER.
SURE, HE CAN BE CALCULATIVE AND MANIPULATIVE AT TIMES, BUT I GOTTA ADMIT... THE GUY'S INNOVATIVE.

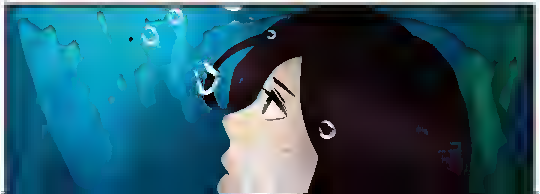
THERE WAS THIS ONE TIME HE FIGURED OUT A WAY TO HELP ME OUT OF A LOBSTER TRAP.
Don't ask how I got stuck
... AND THEN HE BLACKMAILED ME AFTER THAT.

BUT ANYWAY~ WHAT ABOUT YOU, LYRA? DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA WHAT YOUR TALENT IS?
ME? OH-- I STILL HAVE ALL MY MEMORIES ACTUALLY, SO...
AHA, YOU'RE

AHA, YOU'RE LUCKY!

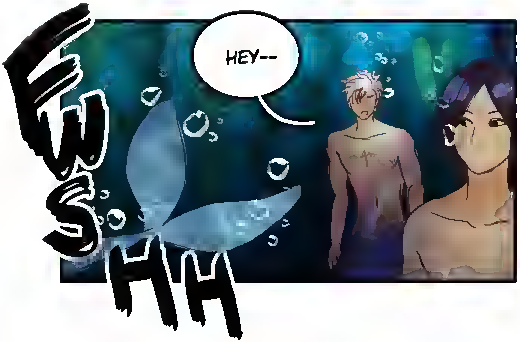




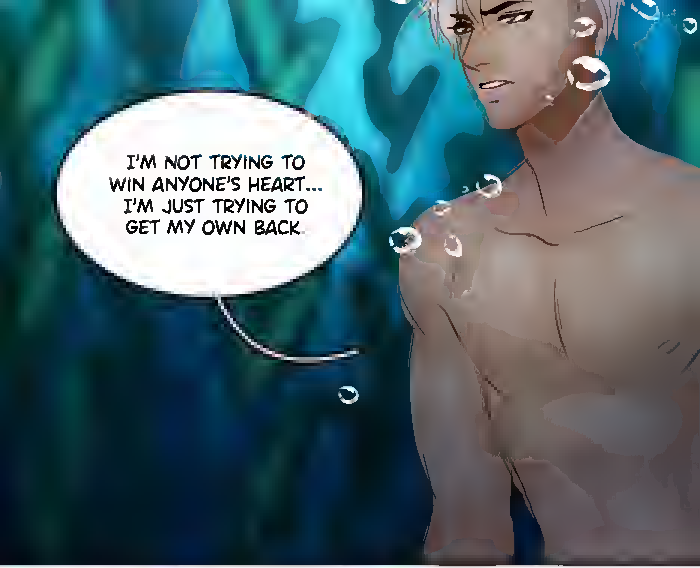


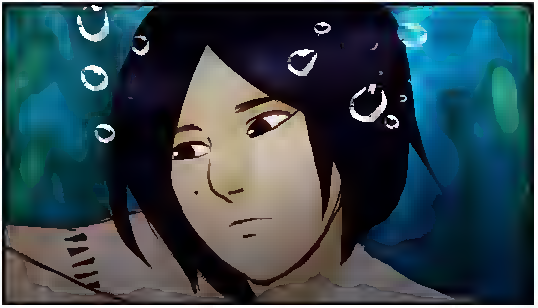
AH... I THINK THE SUN WILL BE SETTING SOON. I SHOULD PROBABLY START HEADING BACK.
. . . ?

WE'LL CHAT SOME MORE ANOTHER DAY, YEAH? I'LL TRY GATHERING MORE INFO FOR YOU GUYS IN THE MEANTIME.
THANK YOU, TUA. YOU'VE BEEN A GREAT HELP.


FWSHH
HEY--
... LET ME GIVE YOU A WORD OF ADVICE ON WOMEN, BRAH.

IF YOU WANNA WIN HER HEART, YOU CAN START BY... YOU KNOW... NOT INSULTING HER.

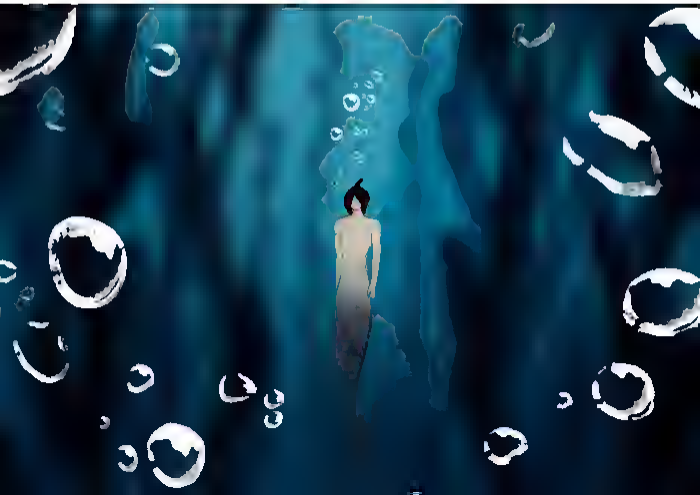

I'M NOT TRYING TO WIN ANYONE'S HEART... I'M JUST TRYING TO GET MY OWN BACK.

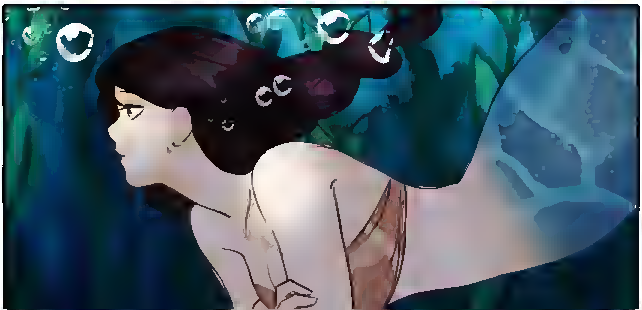


I BETTER CATCH UP WITH THE FISH BAIT. LATER, BRO.

SEE YA.

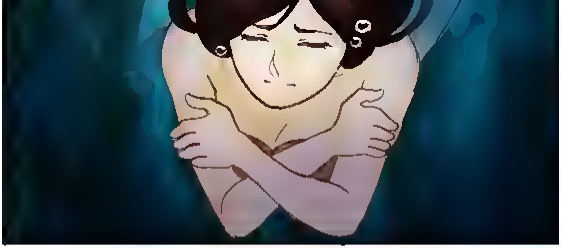
I'LL BE HERE.



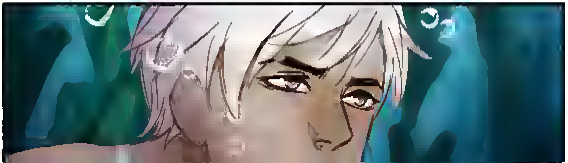


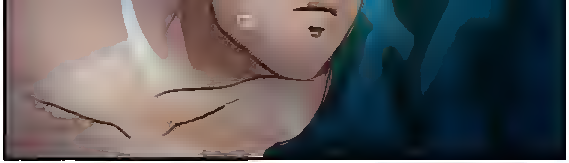
WE DIDN'T FIND A SOLUTION...
BUT AT LEAST I LEARNED A LITTLE
BIT MORE ABOUT THE CURSE.

HOWEVER... THE MORE AWARE
I AM OF IT...



THE MORE I WORRY
WHAT WILL BECOME OF ME.





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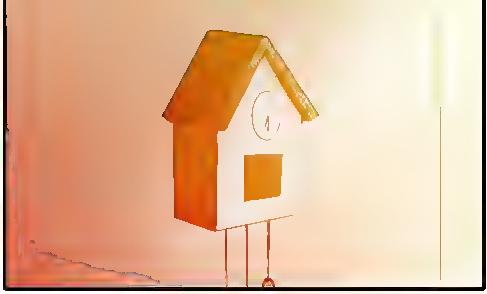

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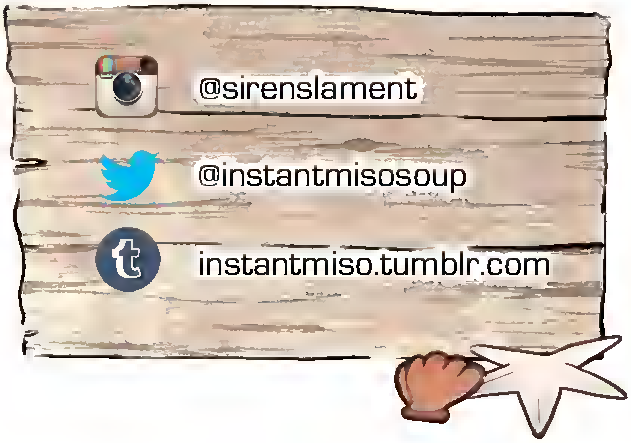
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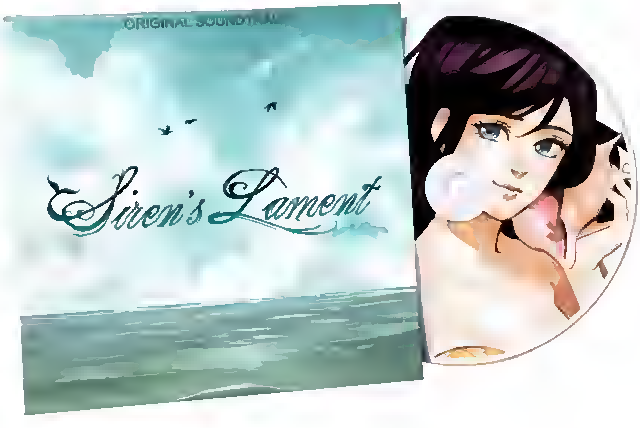

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